

Section 3: The Legacy of Mesopotamia  
The Fertile Crescent**Section Quiz****A. Key Terms**

**Directions:** Read the statements below. If a statement is true, write T in the blank provided. If it is false, write F. Rewrite false statements on another sheet of paper to make them true.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. King Hammurabi set down rules for everyone in his empire to follow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Hammurabi's laws were called a code because they were written in a secret language.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cuneiform was used only in writing government documents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Under Hammurabi, all people were equal before the law.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Cuneiform consists of symbols that can express ideas as well as the names of objects, people, or places.

**B. Main Ideas**

**Directions:** Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which statement was true of Hammurabi's Code?
  - a. It was illegal to write down the laws.
  - b. A person was guilty only if he or she broke a law on purpose.
  - c. The same laws applied to commoners and slaves.
  - d. Everyone could know the rules and punishments because they were written.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Under Hammurabi's Code, there were laws to cover
  - a. the adoption of children.
  - b. everything except the practice of medicine.
  - c. everything except the hiring of wagons.
  - d. only fights between gentlemen and slaves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. What kind of material did the scribes of Mesopotamia use for writing?
  - a. palm leaves
  - b. clay
  - c. animal skins
  - d. papyrus
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The shape and size of a tablet for writing depended on the
  - a. importance of the writing.
  - b. purpose of the writing.
  - c. date and time of the writing.
  - d. person receiving writing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The oldest known writing is
  - a. in cuneiform script.
  - b. in the form of pictures.
  - c. in Hammurabi's Code.
  - d. in the Ten Commandments.